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TAGS: PORG, MARR, UNSC, LE, IS

SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: THE CHRISTIAN MILITIAS

REF: A) STATE 156054, B) JERUSALEM 1665, C) TEL AVIV 7676

1. WE TOOK ACTION PER STATE 156054 JUNE 20, INCLUDING
CONVEYING REPORT OF OUR APPROACHES TO THE GOI. UNDER
SECRETARY-GENERAL URQUHART NOW ON LEAVE, AND WE SPOKE
WITH JAMES JONAH, WHO CONVEYED MESSAGE TO GUYER.
(UNDERSTAND GUYER WILL BE IN WASH JUNE 21.)
THEY WERE GRATEFUL AND SUGGESTED THAT MOST RECENT
REPORT FROM GEN. ERSKINE, WHICH THEY CHARACTERIZED
AS UPBEAT, MAY REFLECT THE FIRST RESULTS OF OUR EFFORTS
WITH GOI. JONAH ALSO SAID GOODMAN ARTICLE IN TODAY'S
JERUSALEM POST IS FURTHER POSITIVE SIGN.

2. JONAH CONFIRMED THE EXPULSION OF 30 FATAH AND
ADDED THAT OTHER PALESTINIANS TRAVELLING SINGLY
OR IN PAIRS HAVE BEEN TURNED BACK ALSO. HE NOTED THAT
UNIFIL DID NOT RUSH IN TO CONFRONT THE PALESTINIANS
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A MONTH AGO, WITH GOOD RESULTS, AND UNIFIL IS NOT
RUSHING IN NOW TO CONFRONT THE CHRISTIANS. HE THOUGHT
IT WAS STILL TOO EARLY, HOWEVER, TO PREDICT THE RESULTS
WITH THE CHRISTIAN MILITIA.

3. RE PARA 4, STATE 156054, UN IS FULLY CONSCIOUS OF
PROBLEM BUT SEES DIFFICULTY IN PRESSING PLO TO "THIN

OUT" UNITS IN UNIFIL AREA AS LONG AS SITUATION WITH
CHRISTIAN MILITIA IS NOT FURTHER ALONG TOWARD
DEFINITIVE SOLUTION. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE
SUBJECT IN FURTHER CONVERSATIONS. YOUNG

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